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Tier II Consultation Meeting

Minutes - August 28, 2012

Participants:

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John Baczek IDOT – Bureau of Design & Environment - via phone

Patricia Berry CMAP

Bill Brown NIRPC – via phone

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John Donovan FHWA

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Don Kopec CMAP Michael Leslie USEPA

Jane Lin UIC – via phone

Matt Maloney CMAP

Adin McCann HNTB – via phone

Tom Murtha CMAP
Holly Ostdick CMAP
Ross Patronsky CMAP
Mark Pitstick RTA
Mike Rogers IEPA

Steven Schilke IDOT – Bureau of Design & Environment - via phone

Gerry Trzupek Huff & Huff

Kermit Wies CMAP

Walt Zyzniewski IDOT – Bureau of Design & Environment - via phone

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

10:00 a.m.

All participants introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Item 11.0 was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel, seconded by Mr. Leslie, the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 SIP Update/Re-designation Status

Mr. Leslie reported that final approval of IEPA's redesignation request and maintenance SIP under the 1997 8-hour ozone standard occurred on August 13, 2012. He also reported that the redesignation request and maintenance SIP under the 1997 annual PM standard continues to be held up by interstate transport issues and budgets in the proposed SIP will not be found adequate. As a result the 2002 baseline test should continue to be used in conformity analyses.

5.0 Impact of proposed PM_{2.5} standard on region

Mr. Leslie reported that US EPA proposed an annual range of 12 – 13 mg/m³, but is currently accepting public comment on a standard down to 11 mg/m³. He reported that it is anticipated that areas will be designated for non-attainment in December 2014 with an effective date in 2015. Mr. Rogers noted that at 13 mg/m³, the region would be in attainment, but at 12 it would not be.

6.0 CREATE Passenger Rail Projects of Air Quality Concern

Ms. Lin provided an overview of revisions to the MOVES input parameters tables that resulted from the March Consultation Team meeting and a follow-up conference call. On a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Leslie, the team approved the tables as presented.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects

7.1 Illiana Expressway (http://www.illianacorridor.org/)

Mr. Carlson explained that IDOT would like to proceed with preparing plats and legals for locations along the preferred corridor of the Illiana Expressway. He stated that IDOT views this as a phase 2 engineering activity and explained that the intent is not to complete phase 2 plans preparation. Mr. Donovan agreed that this activity would be acceptable prior to demonstrating conformity and amending the full project into GO TO 2040 and that staff from CMAP, FHWA and IDOT would work together to determine how to properly represent this phase of work in the TIP. Subsequent to the meeting, it was agreed that "ENG" would be used in the TIP for this work.

7.2 Circle Interchange Project (http://circleinterchange.org/)

Mr. Baczek provided an overview of IDOT's proposed project to reconstruct the Circle Interchange. He reported that the substructure of the interchange is in need of repair, and the state would like to include congestion relief measures, including the possible addition of a fourth through lane in each direction, during the reconstruction project. He reported that a preferred alternative is expected to be developed this winter, with a public hearing in early 2013, followed by design approval in the Spring. The phase one analysis will include development of a funding plan and may include staged implementation. Based on the current average daily traffic and truck percentages included in Mr. Baczek's overview, Mr. Leslie

noted that a hot-spot analysis may be needed. Mr. Fuller noted that the change in volumes may be more critical in determining this need than just the existing volumes. Mr. Zyzniewski suggested that once projections are obtained, the group could meet to discuss the air quality analysis requirements.

Mr. Donovan noted that this project is not included in the region's long range plan, and therefore could not receive NEPA approval. He pointed out that documentation demonstrating fiscal constraint and conformity would be needed and that the project would be expected to be evaluated by CMAP using the GO TO 2040 evaluation measures used for other major capital projects in the plan in order for the project to be amended into the plan. Mr. Kopec stated that in order to meet the schedule presented by Mr. Baczek, the GO TO 2040 amendment (information due to CMAP by November 1, 2012) and TIP Conformity amendment (TIP change submitted by December 7, 2012) would need to occur in March 2013.

7.3 Prairie Parkway ROD Status

Mr. Donovan explained that FHWA rescinded the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Prairie Parkway project on August 22, 2012. He stated that FHWA determined that the federal earmark is being used for the IL 47 from Caton Farm Road to I-80 "independent utility" project. Additionally, the "Prairie Parkway" section of the project is not included in GO TO 2040 or the state's multi-year program. Mr. Kopec stated that GO TO 2040 does include support for preservation of right-of-way for the project, and Mr. Donovan stated there are many details to be discussed regarding the implications of this action, including preservation of right-of-way. Follow-up discussions between FHWA and IDOT District 3 will be scheduled.

8.0 Semi-Annual TIP Conformity Amendment

Ms. Berry noted that the semi-annual conformity amendment is currently posted for public comment through September 4 and is scheduled to be considered at the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October 2012. Mr. Patronsky asked for confirmation that for the March 2013 conformity analysis CMAP would use MOVES for the emissions inventories, and that the analysis would need to include the:

- maintenance SIP for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard (budgets approved August 12, 2012)
- 2008 ozone standard using the maintenance SIP budgets (conformity must be demonstrated by July 2013), and
- 1997 fine particulate standard using a 2002 baseline test. The MOBILE baseline inventories can continue to be used.

Mr. Leslie confirmed, noting that 2015 is the attainment year for the 2008 ozone standard, and will thus need to be an analysis year, along with 2025, which is the horizon year for the maintenance SIP, and 2040, the horizon year of GO TO 2040.

9.0 Transportation Improvement Program

9.1 Work Types

Ms. Dobbs explained that staff recently updated the work types list in order to better be able to classify projects, based on work types, as "maintenance", "modernization" or "expansion".

9.2 Fund Sources

Ms. Berry explained that the City of Chicago and the CTA intend to apply for TIFIA funding and had inquired about the appropriate designation of projects using TIFIA funding in the TIP. She stated that staff had discussed the issue and concluded that TIFIA is a funding mechanism, not a fund source and that CMAP would work with sponsors receiving TIFIA funding and FHWA to document this funding mechanism in the TIP.

9.3 Corridor Improvement Projects

Ms. Berry reported that IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment had requested guidance on how to include Corridor Improvement projects in the TIP. She stated, and Mr. Donovan concurred that the inclusion of corridor improvement planning projects in the TIP or the Unified Work Program (UWP) would depend on the fund source utilized for those studies.

9.4 Approval Dates Boilerplate

Ms. Berry noted that CMAP receives many inquiries about the appropriate TIP and Long Range Plan approval dates to be reflected in project environmental documentation. The team agreed that for this purpose, the date of the last conformity amendment would be appropriate. Ms. Dobbs noted that for consistency and convenience, the latest GO TO 2040, TIP and Conformity Amendment approval dates will be inserted into IDOT standard language and posted on the TIP Schedule and Approvals page (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/tip/ffy11-schedule-and-approvals) of the CMAP website. IDOT staff stated they would start directing consultants to that page.

10.0 SEWRPC Conformity Analysis

Mr. Patronsky reported that SEWRPC is currently undergoing a TIP update, and will be including a conformity analysis for the portion of Kenosha County that is within the 2008 8-hour ozone standard nonattainment area. Mr. Leslie reported that USEPA has determined that SEWRPC can proceed with their analysis independent of CMAP and NIRPC and does not need to incorporate their budgets or match their analysis years.

11.0 Public Participation Plan

Ms. Aleman reported that an updated CMAP Public Participation Plan is expected to be considered at the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October 2012. She stated that changes were mainly contained in section 3 of the report.

Mr. Pistick reported that RTA staff is working with Ms. Aleman to incorporate changes to meet requirements from the last triennial review.

12.0 Major Capital Project Updates

A brief update on the status of Major Capital Projects is available on the Transportation Committee <u>minutes page</u>. The direct link to the report is http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/c/document library/get file?uuid=04be86ef-9146-4f10-827b-8a54d636d9d3&groupId=20583.

13.0 Other Business

Ms. Ostdick reported that the 2010 census resulted in the addition of the Village of Sandwich in DeKalb County to the Chicago, IL-IN urbanized area. She stated that CMAP and IDOT staff have met with staff from Sandwich and the DeKalb MPO to discuss the implications and options for Sandwich now that they are part of the urbanized area.

Mr. Carlson announced that IDOT would be holding public hearings in early October seeking comments on the multi-year program and long range plan.

14.0 Public Comment

None.

15.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call. Ms. Berry suggested that follow-up for the Circle Interchange may be handled at the Transportation Committee level, since all of the team members except Mr. Leslie are also members of that committee. She stated that Mr. Leslie would be invited to attend and participate in those discussions in the event that that is where the follow up occurs.

16.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Tier II Consultation Team Members:

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